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SUBJ: PRESIDENT SUHARTO COMMENTS ON RECENT RIOTS,  
INDONESIAN MILITARY REQUIREMENT, U.S. EFFORTS  
AT DETENT AND U.S.-INDONESIAN RELATIONS

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1. I ACCOMPANIED SENATOR HARTKE IN CALL ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO JANUARY 30. SENATOR HAD TWO OF HIS STAFF MEMBERS WITH HIM AND I HAD REQUESTED ON HIS BEHALF THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY US BUT WHEN THIS WAS RELAYED TO SUHARTO HE INSISTED ON SEEING US ALONE, I PRESUME BECAUSE REMARKS HE MADE DURING OUR MEETING ABOUT POLITICAL ELEMENTS (UNNAMED BUT HE WAS OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO THOSE IDENTIFIED WITH PSI AND MASJUMI) WHICH OPPOSE HIM WERE STRONG AND UNRELIEVED BY ANY NOTE OF FORGIVENESS. I WAS STRUCK BY EXTENT TO WHICH SUHARTO BLAMED THESE POLITICAL ELEMENTS FOR RECENT DISORDERS. HE SAID THEY WERE DISGRUNTLED BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT IN GOVERNMENT AND WERE WILLING TO ENDANGER NATIONAL STABILITY IN ORDER TO PURSUE THEIR POLITICAL ENDS.

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2. RECENT RIOTS: IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, SENATOR HARTKE ALLUDED TO RECENT RIOTS, NOTING THAT GOVERNMENT INSTABILITY WAS FACTOR IN MANY COUNTRIES AT PRESENT TIME (HE CITED ISUMATIONS IN U.K., JAPAN AND U.S.) AND THAT THERE IS PROBLEM TO SATISFY MANY DEMANDS AND NEEDS IN SHORTENED TIME FRAME. RESPONDING, SUHARTO SAID RECENT EVENTS IN INDONESIA WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE HAD THERE NOT BEEN ELEMENTS WILLING TO PUT THEIR SELFISH POLITICAL INTERESTS ABOVE THOSE OF NATION. POLITICAL STABILITY IS ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SUHARTO SAID, AND FORTUNATELY "SILENT MAJORITY," ESPECIALLY THOSE IN VILLAGES, UNDERSTAND THIS AND ABIDE BY "DEMOCRATIC WAY." SUHARTO SAID THAT DURING FIRST FIVE-YEAR PLAN IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY TO CONCENTRATE ON PROVIDING INCREASED SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND CLOTHING AND RESTORATION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PRODUCTION SO THAT GOVERNMENT COULD INCREASE ITS ABILITY TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS IN SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS. IN SECOND FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND WITH INCREASED ABILITY THAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED, INDONESIA PLANNED TO PUT MORE IN BUDGET FOR EDUCATION AND OTHER SOCIAL REQUIREMENTS. HE SAID IT WAS URGENT THAT MOMENTUM ACHIEVED BE MAINTAINED AND IMPROVED.

3. MILITARY REQUIREMENTS: SUHARTO SAID THAT ALONG WITH INCREASED BUDGETARY ATTENTION TO SOCIAL NEEDS IT WAS NECESSARY TO GIVE INCREASED ATTENTION TO MILITARY SECURITY. MILITARY NEEDS HAD BEEN SACRIFICED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN FIRST FIVE-YEAR PLAN. SUHARTO HOPED TO CONTINUE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN BUDGET. IN ORDER TO DO THIS, HELP WOULD BE REQUIRED FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES SUCH AS UNITED STATES AND SUHARTO INDICATED HE WAS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS FOR MORE OF KIND OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE WHICH U.S. HAD ALREADY PROVIDED INDONESIA IN FORM OF SECOND-HAND DESTROYERS AND AIRPLANES AT BARGAIN PRICES. SUHARTO REFERRED TO HIS PREVIOUS DISCUSSION WITH ME(REFTEL) AND SAID HE HAD ASKED ME TO INFORM PRESIDENT NIXON OF IMPORTANCE OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA IN YEARS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD. SENATOR HARTKE SAID THAT HE WOULD ALSO CARRY THIS REPORT BACK TO WASHINGTON AND DISCUSS IT IN SENATE.

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4. EDUCATION: SENATOR HARTKE SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO KNOW THAT HIS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND, SJARIF THAJEB, WAS TAKING OVER AS MINISTER OF EDUCATION. HE SAID INDONESIA HAD A GREAT ASSET IN ITS PEOPLE IF THEY COULD BE PROPERLY EDUCATED. HE SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTED AID MISSION HERE TO TRY HARDER IN EDUCATIONAL FIELD AND THAT HE WANTED U.S. TO DO WHATEVER IT COULD TO INSURE THAT THE NEW MINISTER OF

EDUCATION MAKES A SUCCESS IN THIS VITAL FIELD.

5. DETENTE: SENATOR HARTKE ASKED SUHARTO FOR HIS VIEWS ON US EFFORTS AT DETENTE. SUHARTO INDICATED THAT INDONESIA APPRECIATED PURPOSE OF THESE EFFORTS BUT, ALONG WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THIS REGION, IS ANXIOUS ABOUT RESULTS. HE NOTED THAT IN REPORTS OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S TALKS WITH CHOU EN-LAI, THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND WHAT CHINESE LEADERS HAD SAID TO PRIME MINISTER TANAKA, THE CHINESE HAD PROMISED TO AVOID INTERFERENCE IN AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, TO REFRAIN FROM EXPORTING REVOLUTION AND TO ABIDE BY PRINCIPLES OF BANDUNG. HOWEVER, THEY HAD EXPRESSLY STATED THAT THEY INTENDED TO CONTINUE SUPPORT TO OPPRESSED PEOPLES. SUHARTO TOOK THIS TO MEAN THAT CHINESE WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THOSE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT COMMUNISM AND MAINTAIN ULTIMATE GOAL OF COMMUNIZING WORLD.

6. U.S.-INDONESIAN RELATIONS: ASKED BY SENATOR WHAT HE WANTED FROM UNITED STATES (SENATOR NOTED THAT INDONESIA HAD POTENTIAL, IF SUCCESSFUL IN DEVELOPING ITS RICH RESOURCES AND GREAT RESERVOIR OF MANPOWER, TO GIVE AID TO OTHER COUNTRIES), SUHARTO SAID INDONESIA NEEDED HELP OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO BUILD NATIONAL RESILIENCE IN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND MILITARY FIELDS AND INDEED WANTED TO ACHIEVE DEGREE OF STRENGTH AND STABILITY WHICH WOULD ENABLE IT TO HELP OTHER COUNTRIES. IN RESPONSE TO SENATOR'S EMPHASIS ON IMPORTANCE OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE, SUHARTO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AMERICAN TOURISTS WOULD COME TO INDONESIA. SENATOR OBSERVED THAT TRAVELS OF AMERICAN TOURISTS MIGHT WELL BE REDUCED BY OIL SHORTAGE UNLESS COUNTRIES LIKE INDONESIA WOULD PRODUCE MORE OIL. SUHARTO GOOD-NATUREDLY SAID INDONESIA WOULD TRY ITS BEST TO DO SO.

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